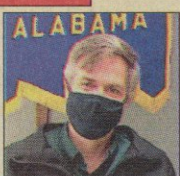


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Elba Masonic Lodge gifts historical marker to City of Elba

The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 gifted an Alabama Historical Marker to the City of Elba during a ceremony held Saturday, Feb. 13, in Elba.

"The purpose of the marker was to not only honor our founding brothers but also to help support the city in an effort to revitalize and record the history of the downtown area [of Elba]," said Elba Lodge Worshipful Master Ed Kelley. "It also marks a renewed commitment from our lodge to the community as a charitable organization."

Masons from across the state visited Elba on

Saturday for this event, and they participated in the ceremonies including a 'Parade of Masons' from the Coffee County Courthouse to the educational building of Elba United Methodist Church where a dedication program was held prior to the unveiling of the new historical marker.

The marker is located at the corner of Davis Street and Claxton Avenue in downtown Elba [across the street from the Elba United Methodist Church].

Elba Mayor Tom Maddox accepted the gift on behalf of the city from the Elba Masons.

The text of the historical marker reads as follows: *150 yards south of this site, John B. Simmons built the first Masonic Hall in Coffee County. On December 17, 1851, the Grand Lodge of Alabama issued a dispensation to nine Coffee County men to form a lodge in the town of Bentonville to be known as Elba Lodge #170. At the first meeting held on Friday, February 13, 1852, a committee was appointed to obtain property for the use of the lodge. The hall was a two-story building used for Masonic business. The first person to become a Master Mason in Elba Lodge #170 was William*

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Jail records show Elba man arrested on multiple counts of illegal possession or fraudulent use of credit/debit card

According to Coffee County Jail records, Elba Police made an arrest Sunday, Feb. 14, regarding multiple counts of illegal possession or fraudulent use of a credit or debit card.

Robert Beck, age 28, of Elba was booked into the Coffee County Jail at 9:51 p.m. Sunday night after being arrested by Elba Police. His charges included eight separate counts of illegal possession or fraudulent use of a credit or debit card [each carrying a \$5,000 bond for a total of \$40,000], and attempting to elude (no injury), which carries a \$500 bond.

Beck was released from jail on bond Monday morning, Feb. 15th.



Brothers of the Masonic Lodge gathered Saturday, Feb. 13, in Elba for a dedication ceremony of an Alabama Historical Marker for the Elba Masonic Lodge #170. The Masons participated in a walking parade from the Coffee County Courthouse in downtown Elba to the dedication site (at the corner of Davis Street and Claxton Avenue). The Elba Masons gifted the marker to the City of Elba.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BOARD INVITES all to attend the Dedication/Open House Sunday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m., of the organization's 24th home in Coffee County. This will be the home of Tawana Thomas and family and is located at 537 Adkinson Street, Elba. Volunteers and donors will be recognized during the ceremony.

THE ELBA LIONS CLUB ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held Saturday, March 6, from 6-10 a.m. at the National Security Conference Center. This year, the breakfast will be for takeout plates only! A \$5 donation is requested for each plate.



Robert Beck



CONTINUED DETERIORATION...The section of Simmons Street in downtown Elba that was closed several months ago due to deterioration underneath the roadway showed even more deterioration early this week after heavy rains moved through the area Monday afternoon, Feb. 15th. While the area is closed to motorists, citizens also are asked to not walk around the area as it is very unsafe. The photo above was taken Monday afternoon, and even more rain was forecast for the remainder of the week.



Tommy Morrow (left) and Ed Kelley (right), both masons of the Elba Masonic Lodge #170, unveiled the new historical marker in downtown Elba last Saturday afternoon. Morrow is serving as Grand Master for Alabama Masons this year. Kelley is the Worshipful Master for the Elba Lodge.

Coffee County Schools super says administration working diligently to get COVID-19 vaccine for employees wanting it

In a weekly reported released Wednesday, Feb. 10, by Coffee County Schools superintendent Kevin Killingsworth, new COVID-19 cases remained steady for the schools in his system.

The superintendent said the school system had 14 new cases of COVID-19 to

report in last week's report, but that total remained steady from the week prior.

The Feb. 10th report reflected six new student cases at Zion Chapel, one new faculty case and one new student case at New Brockton Elementary, four new student cases at New Brockton High, and two new student cases at Kinston.

"This brings our total cases since August 10th to 187 systemwide," Killingsworth said. "Numbers of those quarantined are also on the

Pre-Registration still underway for Elba City Schools' Pre-K program

Elba City Schools encourages those interested in having their child be a part of the First Class Pre-K program at the school for the 2021-2022 school year to pre-register now!

This is Alabama's voluntary Pre-K program, and the Pre-Registration will continue online until March 26th. To complete the form, parents should visit the

website: <https://alprek.asap-connected.com> [also will need to upload the child's birth certificate and proof of residence].

Enrollment is open to children four years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2021. There is no registration fee for this program. Upon

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UPDATE:

Elba City Schools continued to show less than five new cases of COVID-19 within the school system over the past week, according to information from Alabama Department of Public Health officials.

Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley continues to thank faculty, students, parents, and the community members for their dedication to following safety protocols in keeping the COVID numbers down for Elba Schools.

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NOTICE:

The joint workshop that had been scheduled for Tuesday night, Feb. 16, for the Elba City Council and Elba Water & Electric Board was cancelled. The workshop will be rescheduled for a later date.

The next regular meeting for both the Elba City Council and Elba Water & Electric Board will be Monday evening, Feb. 22, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at city hall.

EDITORIAL

Cuzin Lou Lou's
Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Lou Lou went on a shopping adventure with Papa last weekend. He wanted to go visit some of his more favorite browsing spots.

Sister opted to stay home for this trip. She and Papa have completely different shopping styles, and she decided extra time in bed on a Saturday morning would best for her. However, she got her own shopping in later in the day!

The Papa-Lou Lou adventure began with a stop at an always-favorite breakfast diner. This was a pretty clear-cut stop with both getting two eggs scrambled, bacon, toast and hash browns for their morning fuel. Turns out, though, that Papa was a bit confused over Lou Lou's conversation with the waitress regarding jelly for the toast.

Lou Lou is a big fan of mixed fruit jelly, which is difficult to find, but this diner offers it as an option. The waitress asked if Lou Lou and Papa had a "fav" for their jelly, and Lou Lou immediately requested mixed fruit. Papa didn't respond so he got mixed fruit too, per Lou Lou's request.

Turns out that Papa didn't realize the conversation was about jelly – thus his confused look when Lou Lou spoke up for him. He must've been giving the waitress his "hear what he wants to hear" ears when she asked about the jelly.

Lou Lou figured out this after the food was delivered to the table, and Papa started questioning where that mixed fruit was that she and the waitress had discussed. Lou Lou had to explain that the mixed fruit was the jelly in front of him that he was spreading on his toast!

An "oh, okay" later, and breakfast was a huge success.

The next stop was at a store that Papa had a gift card to redeem from Christmas.

The two entered the store, and Lou Lou ventured off to browse around while Papa shopped for something to purchase

with his gift card.

In less than two minutes, Lou Lou was reminded she was shopping with a different creature than Sister... her phone began ringing, and she noticed it was Papa calling!

"Where are you?" he wanted to know.

Turns out, Papa did not see Lou Lou venture her own way, and he wanted her shopping alongside him.

"I'm headed your way," she told him after coming to this realization.

The two had only been in the store a short time when Lou Lou noticed Papa was filling his buggy mostly with food items – junk food items to be more precise. She had to ask.

"Papa, your gift card was meant for you to purchase something you wanted or needed," she said.

"Well, I like to eat," he replied. "So, I am buying things I want to eat!"

Lou Lou could not argue with that!

The rest of the shopping adventure went pretty much the same...if Lou Lou ventured away from Papa, he called wanting to know where she was, which resulted in her returning to his location.

Truth be told...Lou Lou had a blast shopping with Papa. She likes the stores he likes pretty well herself, so, it was fun. And, she would not trade the time she spent with Papa for anything in the world.

Sister did check in on Lou Lou and Papa a couple of times while they were out shopping...Lou Lou is convinced it was to make sure the two were staying out of trouble!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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Write a Letter
to
the Editor



Masons and others gathered Saturday afternoon, Feb. 13, in Elba for the unveiling of an Alabama Historical Marker for the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 listen as Alabama Grand Master Tommy Morrow - who also is a member of the Elba Lodge - speaks. The Elba Lodge gifted this marker to the City of Elba.

MASONS

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George Washington Harper on April 24, 1852. Elba's first public school used the lower floor beginning in 1855. Thirteen members were present for the election and installation of officers on Friday February 13, 1852. Those elected were:

William W. Simmons, Worshipful Master
Alfred McGee, Senior Warden
James Claxton, Secretary
John Harper, Treasurer
Paul Smith, Senior Deacon
Pierre Darcy Costello, Junior Deacon
Micajah Harper, Senior Steward
Irwin Rogers, Junior Steward
William J. Spurlin, Tiler.

Charter members in addition to those elected were James D. McLean, James M. Tullis, and John B. Simmons.

A Message from Elba Mayor Tom Maddox regarding the Elba Masonic Lodge historical marker...

Thanks to Elba Masonic Lodge #170 for presenting a new historic marker to the City of Elba and thanks to the Masons, past and present for their contributions to the history of our city. Thanks to Ed Kelley for his efforts to make the marker a reality and for his organizing the event for its unveiling.

We can also be proud of Tommy Morrow who is the Grand Master for the State of Alabama. He travels all over the state visiting different Masonic lodges and is always promoting Elba wherever he goes.

Masons from as far away as the Haleyville area in northwest Alabama were present for the impressive ceremony.

This makes a total of five historic markers for our downtown.



This Alabama Historical Marker was unveiled Saturday, Feb. 13, in downtown Elba during a ceremony hosted by the Elba Masonic Lodge #170. According to Elba Mayor Tom Maddox this is now the fifth historical marker in Elba.



Elba's Tommy Morrow is serving this year as the Grand Master for the Masons organization in the State of Alabama. On Saturday, Feb. 13, Morrow joined Elba Masonic Lodge Worshipful Master Ed Kelley in unveiling the historical marker for the Lodge that is now permanently located in downtown Elba.

Mass COVID-19 vaccination clinics succeed in immunizing eligible people across state

Mass vaccination clinics operated last week by selected hospitals in each of the eight public health districts throughout the state reached large numbers of persons eligible for COVID-19 vaccine.

The success of these clinics was a direct result of ongoing collaboration by a number of community partners including county emergency management agencies, public officials and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH).

Through the efforts of many hardworking volunteers and healthcare providers, at least 105,000 to 110,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine per week were administered in Alabama over the past three weeks. All the vaccine the state receives, both first and second doses, is being administered. Second doses for those vaccinated in last week's clinics were given through the same process beginning 21 or 28 days from administration of the first doses, depending on

the vaccine.

The Alabama Hospital Association provided these totals of vaccines given last week:

Anniston
Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center - 5,000

Birmingham
University of Alabama at Birmingham Hospital - 12,139

Dothan
Southeast Health - 6,100

Huntsville
Huntsville Hospital - 12,000

Mobile
University of South Alabama Hospital - 8,300

(This clinic continued through Saturday.)
Providence Hospital - 3,200

Mobile Infirmary - 3,325
Springhill Memorial Hospital - 7,500

Montgomery
Baptist Medical Center - 8,000

Sei
Vaughan Regional Medical Center - 5,000

Tuscaloosa
DCH Regional Medical Center - 5,889

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021, and Monday, Feb. 15, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Feb. 9 – Elba Police rendered a citizen assist on Davis St E (9:57 a.m.); Elba Police rendered a citizen assist on Taylor Mill Rd (10:06 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 375 Hwy 203 (2:39 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date resulting in two written warnings and two verbal warnings.

Wednesday, Feb. 10 – Trespassing reported at 2050 Taylor Mill Rd (12:53 p.m.); Elba Police rendered a citizen assist on Simmons St (2:47 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St (5:51 p.m.); Elba Police rendered a citizen assist at 1584 Caroline St (9:17 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date with a written warning issued.

Thursday, Feb. 11 – Traffic accident reported at Hwy 87 and East Davis St (12:46 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 595 Collier Circle (9:40 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 316 Simmons St (10:16 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported on Claxton Ave N (4:26 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 221 E Davis St (9:15 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 661 E Davis St (10:17 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date resulting in a written warning issued.

Friday, Feb. 12 – Traffic accident reported at 1340 Hwy 203 (9:43 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1649 Boswell St

(11:10 a.m.); Harassment reported on Taylor Mill Rd (12:31 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 632 Claxton Ave N (3:33 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 816 Putnam St (7:02 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Claxton Ave and Putnam St (9:54 p.m.); Animal complaint reported on Troy Hwy (10:43 p.m.). There were two traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one written warning and one citation issued.

Saturday, Feb. 13 – Verbal altercation reported at 1123 Deal St (3:54 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 606 Simmons St (12:08 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1584 Caroline St (5:49 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in two written warnings and one verbal warning.

Sunday, Feb. 14 – Theft of property reported at 1337 County Rd 409 – an arrest was made (12:31 a.m.); Elba Police rendered a citizen assist on E Davis St (7:51 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 221 E Davis St (10:55 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Hwy 87 (12:06 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2613 Hickman Ave (2:19 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1153 Elm Ave (9:09 p.m.). There were six traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in four written warnings, one arrest, and one unfounded disposition.

Monday, Feb. 15 – Animal complaint at 2613 Hickman Ave (9:40 a.m.).

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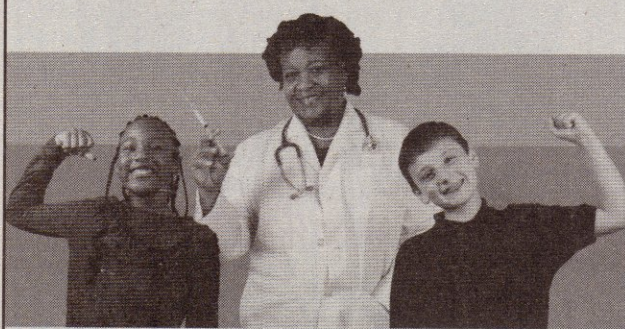
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Prescribed fire planned at Frank Jackson State Park in Opp, Ala

Prescribed burns are planned at Frank Jackson State Park near Opp, Alabama, during February and March 2021, weather permitting. The burns are being conducted to reduce the risk of wildfire and enhance wildlife habitat within the park.

Every effort will be made to ensure safety and proper smoke management during the burns. As a safety precaution, the park's hiking trails will be closed during the burn periods. Additionally, campers might experience smoke in the campground.

The Alabama Forestry Commission will conduct the controlled burns for the Alabama State Parks Division. The City of Opp Fire Department has been notified and will be on standby if needed.

Prescribed fire is an effective way to reduce wildfire risk, enhance wildlife habitat, and maintain a healthy forest ecosystem. For more information about the benefits of prescribed fire, visit www.outdooralabama.com/wildlife-management-programs/prescribed-fire-alabama.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. To learn more about ADCNR, visit www.outdooralabama.com.

Start planning now for Spring gardens

While experiencing the cold winter weather, one of the many things people look forward to are the luscious spring gardens. It is never too early to start planning.

Now is the time for gardeners to begin prepping their gardens for the spring growing season.

Getting Started
Before taking any steps toward growing a spring garden, it is essential to first remove all the plants and weeds from the previous season. Starting from a clean slate will give the garden a clean, organized appearance, as well as healthy, fresh soil.

The most important step when beginning to prep a garden is to conduct a soil test. Based on the results of the soil test, gardeners may have to add nutrients to adjust the pH of the soil in order for it to best suit the plants. Soil that is overly acidic may be harmful to some plants. It is important to keep a constant eye on soil pH levels to ensure they remain within the 6 to 7 range.

"You might want to plant a cover crop if you have poor soil," said Rhonda Britton, an Alabama Cooperative Extension System home grounds, gardens and home pests regional agent "This will help build up organic matter in the soil."

Also, it is important to determine whether the proposed garden plot receives at least six hours of full sunlight. Without the adequate amount of sunlight, the plants would not be able to thrive.

Plan Out the Garden

To have a successful spring garden, Britton suggests keeping a notebook for gardeners to plan what they are going to plant. In the same notebook, people can plan the potential layout, dates and times for planting. Getting ahead and staying on top of a gardening routine will ensure a successful, flourishing garden.

Britton said at the beginning of the planning process, it is important for people to decide whether they want to buy transplants or plant their own seeds inside, starting in the winter.

"Some plants, such as squash, cucumber, corn and beans, do better with direct seeding," Britton said. "Plants that do better as transplants are tomatoes and peppers."

If people plan to plant seeds, they should begin searching through seed catalogs now to purchase their desired seed. Having the plants or seed planned out before the spring season will allow for a quick and efficient growing season.

Regional Conditions

Lastly, depending on the region, it is important to identify and keep note of the different weather conditions. For example, depending on where gardeners live in Alabama, certain areas can begin planting before others. The warm temperatures in south Alabama would allow people to begin planting much sooner than the cooler temperatures in north Alabama do.

Britton recommends downloading the Alabama Extension SOW app. This application includes recommended dates for planting based on the region or county the person is located in. Knowing the specific conditions for the area is crucial for a long-lasting spring garden season. Visit the Alabama Extension content piece SOW-A Planting Companion for more information on downloading the SOW app.

More Information

With the dull colors and cold weather dragging on, it is thrilling to get to plant for the warm, bright colors of the season to come. Don't let the winter blues get you down; start planning for your spring garden before you're too late. For more information on planning for spring gardens or other topics, visit the Alabama Extension website, www.aces.edu, or contact the Coffee County Extension office at (334) 894-5596.

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com

RAY LAMAR DAVIS

Mr. Ray Lamar Davis, age 59, a resident of Elba, Ala., died unexpectedly Friday, Feb. 12, 2021, at his residence.

Graveside services were held Feb. 13, 2021 from the Goodman Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. John Woodham officiating. Burial services will be followed with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Larry Davis and James Terry Davis.

Survivors include his wife: Hilda Davis; son: Dylan (Samantha Morris) Davis; **step-daughters:** Tonitta (Tyson) Sauls, Libby Woodham, and Sandra Woodham; **brothers:** Jerry Davis, and Gary (Darla) Davis; **sisters:** Fay Lawson, and Cindy Odom; and **sister-in-law:** Kay Davis.

RICHARD GLEN BEDSOLE

Mr. Richard Glen Bedsole, age 60, of Eufaula, Ala., died Friday, Feb. 5, 2021, at Troy Regional Medical Center.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, at 3 p.m., at the Chapman Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Caleb Galloway officiating and Chapman Funeral Home directing.

Born January 8, 1961 in Samson, Ala., Mr. Bedsole was the son of the late Charlie Glen and Evelyn Jeanette Creech Bedsole. Survivors include his wife of 30 years: Sonya Bedsole, Eufaula; two daughters: Jessica (Richard) Praeger, Eufaula, and Elizabeth (Bryan) Bosse, Suwannee, Ga.; one **granddaughter:** Harper Lee Anne Bosse; one **brother:** Donald Ray Bedsole, Zion Chapel, Ala.; two **sisters:** Glenda (David) Messick, Goshen, Ala., and Brenda (Kenny) Senn, Zion Chapel; **mother and father-in-law:** Donald (Catherine) Hudson.

PATRICIA ANN JOHNSON

Mrs. Patricia Ann Johnson, age 69, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021, at home.

Patti fought a courageous battle with cancer over the last six months, never wavering in her faith and perseverance. She was a retired teacher, and upon her retirement, became actively involved in Covenant Community Church, where she served in various capacities, and never shunned any task asked of her.

In accordance with her wishes, a private burial will

take place at a future date. Those wishing to make memorials in her honor, are asked to do so to Covenant Community Church, 332 Simmons Street, Elba, Alabama. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Alabama is serving the Johnson family.

Patti was preceded in death by her husband, Russell E. Johnson, along with her father, John H. Taylor.

Survivors include her **mother:** Jonnie L. Taylor, and a **sister:** Vicki Bandstra, both of Elba.

HERBERT E. CHAMBERS

Mr. Herbert E. Chambers, Enterprise, Ala., died Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021, at Flowers Hospital.

Funeral services were held Feb. 12, 2021 at Coleman Funeral Home Chapel, Enterprise, with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

He was born on April 8, 1954 in Enterprise to late Roosevelt Chambers and Olean Purvis Barry. Herbert was a resident of the Elba Health and Rehabilitation, but his heart and mind was never too far from his home and his years in the Enterprise City Schools.

Preceding him in death was one sister, Airmidia (Blondie) Grandberry.

Survivors include his **mother:** Olean (Elias) Barry; **daughter:** Selena (Jerome) Mittler, Enterprise; **brother:** Roosevelt Chambers Jr., Richmond Hill, Ga.; **sisters:** Charlene Barry, Angela M. Barry (Calera), Laura Bryant, all of Enterprise; **aunts:** Erma J. Dawson, Ohio, Essie Mae Purvis, Sarasota Fla.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

JOHN BASS

Mr. John Bass, age 54, of Enterprise, Ala., died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021, at Pea River Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

John was born April 19, 1967 to John W. Cole and the late Linda M. Bass in Enterprise. At an early age John moved to Ohio and then returned back to Alabama in 2019.

He was preceded in death by his mother, one daughter, Taelor Suman (Jade Suman), his maternal grandparents, John Bass and Mattie Bass, his paternal grandparents, Sam and Luther Cole, and a special aunt, (Tiny) Bass.

Survivors include his **father:** John W. Cole (Adris), Enterprise; one **special aunt:** Deloris Wallace of Virginia; four **sisters:** Linda Washington (Byron), Enterprise, L'Chelle Bass, New York City, NY, Alexia Blanks, Daleville, Ala., and Devon Cole, Enterprise; two **nieces:** Chyana and Kiara Blanks, both of Daleville, three **nephews:** Neal Pouncey, Kenya Pouncey, and Cruise Caldwell, all of Enterprise; one **brother-in-law:** Byron Washington, Enterprise; and one special friend, Tammy Lawson.

SYLVESTER FRAZIER

Mr. Sylvester Frazier, age 80, of Enterprise, Ala., died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021.

Graveside services were held Feb. 13, 2021 from the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Enterprise, with Coleman Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

Sylvester was born Aug. 27, 1940 in Pike County, Ala., to the Ethel Terry Frazier and Sylvanous Frazier. He was educated in Enterprise Schools and made the city his lifelong home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sylvanous and Ethel Terry Frazier; wife, Mary Sue Frazier; sisters, Annette Frazier, Novella Frazier Pearson and Louesta Frazier Byrd.

Survivors include his son: Vester Lee Frazier, Pelham, Ala.; **sister:** Mary Frazier Dixon, Dothan, Ala.; **step-daughters:** Shannon T. Wilder, Phenix City, Ala., Phyllis (James) Leverette, Enterprise, and Teresa

(Gary) Dansberry, Suffolk, Va.; **stepsons:** Andrew (LaTonya Thompson), Steadman, NC, Moses (Lisa) Thompson, Layton, Utah, Walter (Jeanette) Thompson, Columbus, Ga., Aleis Broomfield, Enterprise; and a host of other relatives and friends.

MARTHA B. FLEMING

Mrs. Martha B. Fleming, age 76, of Brundidge, Ala., died Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021, at her residence.

She was born Sept. 11, 1944 in Banks, Ala., to the late James Bruce Brantley and Lois Harris Brantley. She had a Master's degree and taught elementary school prior to becoming a librarian at Elba, Kinston and Pike County.

Graveside services were held Feb. 12, 2021 at Banks Cemetery with Rev. David Kirby officiating. Burial followed with Skeen Funeral Home of Troy directing.

In addition to her parents, Martha was also preceded in death by her brother, John William Brantley.

Survivors her **husband:** Robert Fleming, Brundidge; **children:** William Christian Fleming, Josie, Benjamin Fleming, Banks, and Calista Grieshop (Trigg), Cartersville, Ga.; **grandchildren:** Madison Fleming, Mobile, Savannah Fleming, Troy, Samuel Fleming, Luverne, Shaelin Fleming, Banks, Brooks Grieshop and Emma Grieshop, both of Cartersville; and her pet cat, Little Baby.

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Grief Without Guilt: It's Not Your Fault

Grief carries with it a multitude of conflicting emotions - and one of the most overpowering is the feeling of guilt. Those who have lost a loved one often find themselves struggling with the idea their loss is somehow their own fault - that there's something they could have said or done to prevent their loved one from dying.

Sometimes, feelings of grief can be situated in something real. All of us make mistakes, and we can say or do things that hurt the people we love. The feelings of guilt you experience during the mourning process may stem from a memory of mistakes you made in the past.

Just as often, though, feelings of guilt are less rational: As you grieve, you may talk yourself into the notion that you could have been there for your loved one or could have helped them receive a different kind of medical care.

The bottom line is that guilt and grief go hand in hand - but what can you do about it? The first step is simply acknowledging the way you feel; guilt is an emotion, and the best way to handle any emotion is to first validate it.

Consider what your guilt is really about. Reflect on the idea that we all crave order, and your guilt may simply be a subconscious way to make some sense of your loved one's death. Find someone you can talk to about your feelings of guilt; this may be a close friend or it may be a therapist. As you think, talk, and process, work your way toward a place of self-forgiveness.

If your guilt is irrational, you will hopefully have people in your life who will tell you so, encouraging you to move on. And if it's based in something real, you can seek a place where you either make amends or discover a new perspective - learning and growing from your painful experience.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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CHURCH and COMMUNITY

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Dwight Johnson, Lead Pastor

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My wife was very proud of me last week. I was able to take some salvaged wood from a very old house that was torn down, and after lots of measuring, cutting, sanding, and finishing, give her a "new" TV table. But, the thanks should really go to Mr. Leverette.

I don't even remember Mr. Leverette's first name. He was my ninth grade Shop Class (it might have been called Vocational Education) teacher. We spent a few weeks on welding, a few on brick laying, a few on agriculture, etc. But, the unit that really stood out to me was carpentry.

Mr. Leverette introduced the class to some basic tools, and guided us as we all built a simple gun rack. I'd like to say that carpentry became a lifelong hobby, but instead, it was more of an interest. Only in recent years have I had the opportunity to develop my interest. But, the seed was planted long ago by Mr. Leverette.

The Bible has much to say about sowing and reaping; planting and harvest. There are far more scriptures than can be explored here, but I urge you to study this subject. Let me say this, however: Continue to plant your seed. Invest in someone's life; work toward your dream. Delayed results can be disappointing.

We might feel that our labor was in vain. But, the seed hasn't died. In time, it will germinate, and harvest will come.

Thanks, Mr. Leverette.

*** Pastor Dwight Johnson of Elba First Assembly of God has been the Pastor's Corner author each week for the month of February. In March, the articles will come from Pastor Jon Isaacs of Grace Fellowship Church.*

PRE-K

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enrollment, the child's immunization record must be provided.

Acceptance is strictly through random drawing to be held March 26 at Elba Elementary School at 9 a.m. The parent/guardian does not have to be present at the drawing.

Notices will be emailed beginning April 16th.

For more information, visit www.children.alabama.gov and see Pre-Registration Info under First Class Pre-K.

For assistance with accessing the online application, contact Kenya Martin at Elba Elementary School.

No child will be denied participation on basis of income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

For the 2020-2021 school year, Elba Elementary School has operated two Pre-K classes, and they

hope to keep both classes going in the future! Pre-register your child today to hopefully be a part of Elba's program.

LBWCC hires Duffy as director of institutional advancement

LBW Community College has announced the hiring of Ms. Chrissie Duffy for the position of Director of Institutional Advancement, a division of the College responsible for further public understanding and recognition of the goals and missions of the institution, foundation relations, and fundraising efforts.

"Ms. Duffy brings a comprehensive set of skills fine-tuned to the LBW service area," said LBW President, Dr. Brock Kelley.

Duffy most recently served as the Andalusia Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, where she spent the past eight years managing an extensive membership network and crafting initiatives with government and industry partners to benefit the business community.

One of Duffy's highly-recognized achievements is the creation of the Christmas in Candyland project that brought in thousands of visitors annually and achieved record sales tax revenue. Also

New Glorious COGIC plans to hold Clothes Closet event on Feb. 27th

New Glorious COGIC Outreach Ministries invites citizens to join them at a free Clothes Closet event Saturday, Feb. 27, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

All clothes will be given

Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District accepting scholarship applications

The Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting applications for a \$500 scholarship sponsored by the Alabama Conservation District Employees Association.

Applicant must be a U. S. citizen, high school senior, and living in the State of Alabama. Applications may be picked up at the

Iron Pour event planned for Saturday, Feb. 27, at Dothan's Landmark Park

On Saturday, Feb. 27, Landmark Park and the Wiregrass Museum of Art will partner to bring Sloss Metal Arts to the park for an Iron Pour at Landmark Park and special exhibit at the Wiregrass Museum of Art.

Participants to the February 27 Iron Pour will be making 3.75"X3.75" scratch block tiles. Cost is \$10 materials fee plus gate fee (\$4 for adults, \$3 for kids, and free for park members). Registration and prepaid materials fee required.

away free on a first come, first serve basis. There will be no holds.

New Glorious COGIC is located at 314 County Road 263, Elba.

District office located 1055 E McKinnon Street, New Brockton, AL 36351.

Headline to receive completed applications in the District office is March 5, 2021. For more information, contact Dorris Skipper at 334-894-5581X3, cofee@alconservationdistricts.org

The exhibit, Pattern and Void, will be on display at the Wiregrass Museum of Art from Jan. 22-June 26.

A Beginning Beekeepers Course also will be Feb. 27th at Landmark Park at 10 a.m. Attending the auditorium session is free.

Elba Lions Club annual Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, March 6,
6 - 10 a.m. [\$5 per plate]
National Security
Conference Center
Takeout Plates Only!

during her chamber career, she increased membership by 41 percent with a collective investment in community events of over 200 percent.

"I look forward to creating impactful advancement initiatives with lasting influence on both the College and community," Duffy said.

Duffy began her new role at the College on February 9, 2021.

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The Glory of God in Zion [Psalm 48: 1-14]

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Family of the late Lucius Lane, Dea. James Williams, Maria A. Kelley-Duncan, All Hospital Patients, Georgia Nelson, Mary Sue Dawson, Faye Manning, Emily Newson, Pastor Jimmy Jackson

February Birthdays / Anniversaries

Joseph Rodgers 2/10
Eula Brooks 2/10
Rev. Willie White 2/10
Quinton S. Gavin 2/10
Jeanette Hammonds 2/10
Marvin Siler 2/10 (in memory)
James Henderson 2/11
Lonzo Cooks 2/11
Trenton Hamilton 2/11
Wiley Brooks 2/12
Glarene Jones 2/12 (in memory)
Jackie Brunson Crittenden 2/13
Danae Ware 2/13

Celebrating Black History Month

Honoring the Late Marian Anderson

2/27/1897 - 4/8/1993

Marian Anderson, Negro Contralto, was born in Philadelphia, PA. As early as her high school days her beautiful voice began to attract attention, and a fund raised by means of a church concert started her on a long period of study. In 1925, she won a competition in which three hundred singers took part; the award was an appearance with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. The National Association of Negro Musicians gave her a scholarship to continue her study of music, and later she spent two years working and singing in Europe. When she appeared in concert tours in the United States, audiences were delighted with the

rich warmth of her voice and her fine musicianship. She married in 1935 and settled in Connecticut, but she continued her career as one of the great contraltos of her time.

(The United Educators Inc. Tangley Oaks Educational Center - Lake Bluff, Illinois)

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 2/11/2021

Multiple Choice

Q: When the women came to the Sepulchre, where did they see the young man? (sitting inside), (standing outside), (sitting on the stone)

A: Sitting Inside [Mark 16: 5]

Q: The woman who touched Jesus had spent all her money on what? (wine), (clothes), (physicians)

A: Physicians [Mark 5: 26]

Thought to Remember

Get right or get left

Questions for the Week of 2/18/2021

True or False

Q: When Jesus calmed the storm, His disciples feared exceedingly.

Q: The message that the disciples preached was that Jesus was the Messiah.

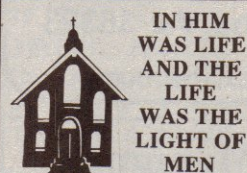
Q: Blind Bartimaeus had to be encouraged to ask Jesus to heal him.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church News is due on Mondays!

Church Directory



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Rocky Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH
Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
Remona Smith, Pastor
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.



COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH
Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH
Steve Walton, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. . . 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY
T.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Anderson, Int. Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Phillip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH
Overseers - Billy Berry
Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

GREAT NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH
W.K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting . . . 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Winstead, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
J.R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Kevin Byrd, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even. . . 7:30 p.m.

NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

NEWBROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Terry Godwin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study . . . 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH
Randall Pearson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW GLORIOUS COGIC
James Starks Jr., Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Bib Stud Wed . . . 6:00 p.m.

NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
Lorearl Flowers, Minister
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Julian Mitchell, Pastor
Sun. 4th Sun. Morn. . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6

LIFESTYLES

Keeping a Promise to Mom

FIVE DAUGHTERS KEEP PROMISE TO THEIR MOTHER...The daughter of Welcom and Lena Farris made a promise to their mother that they would keep in touch by 'getting together' with one another. Their dad, Welcom, died in 1978, and their mom, Lena, died in 2004. The family lived on a farm 15 miles south of Elba. The sisters are Jo Pugh, Sarah Williamson, Mary Heiss, Roseland Knowles, and Johnnie Sue Stewart. They also had two brothers – one died in a car accident and the other was stillborn. Holding true to their promise to their mom, the sisters began gathering in 2006 at Jo's home, and they spend a week together each summer. Among their many activities each year during the week-long gathering is a visit to family cemeteries at Bethlehem Church in Elba and Pine Level. Above, the sisters are shown posing for a photo taken this past July (2020) in front of the church they grew up in – Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church near Elba. Standing left to right: Jo Pugh, Sarah Williamson, Mary Heiss, Roseland Knowles, and Johnnie Stewart.

Coffee County Extension office to host RUP applicator training and testing on Friday, Feb. 26, in New Brockton

The Coffee County Extension office will be holding its yearly Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) private applicator training and testing Friday, Feb. 26, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Coffee County Extension office in New Brockton.

The RUP license is for anyone who wishes to purchase restricted use pesticides for use on land they personally own or rent, not for commercial applications. RUP licenses are valid for 3 years and must be renewed by testing every 3 years.

The cost of the RUP training and testing is \$20. The license fee is \$25 and paid to the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries. Anyone who would like to attend the training and testing should register by calling the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596.

Senior citizens can apply online for Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers

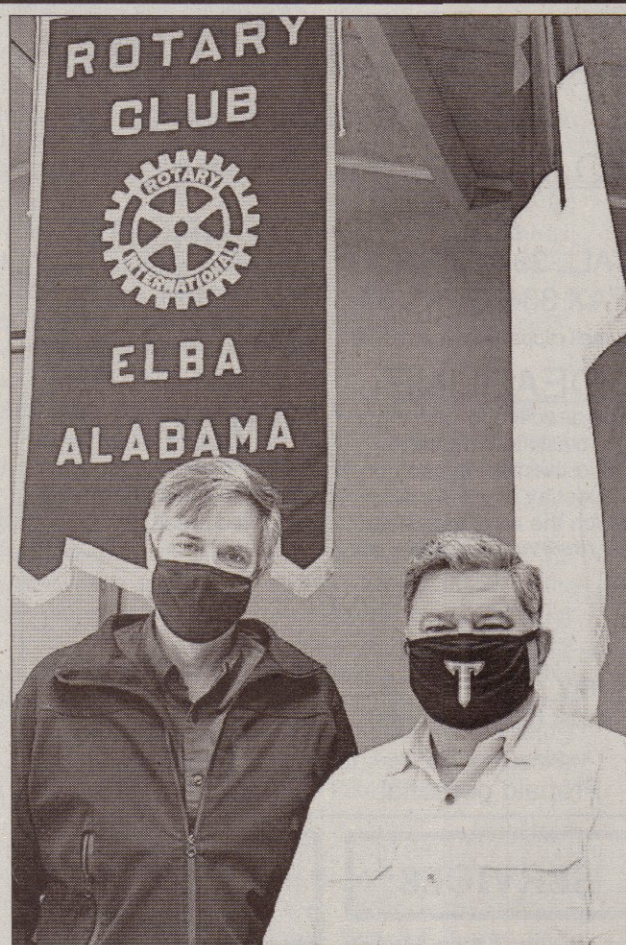
The Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program provides eligible senior citizens with fresh fruits and vegetables from certified farmers markets in the State of Alabama.

Eligibility for vouchers [worth \$30 each] includes:

- Age – must be 60 years of age or older on the day of application; and
- Income – applicants' gross household income must not exceed these limits [household of one: \$1,756 monthly; household of two: \$2,371 monthly; household of three: \$2,987 monthly; household of four: \$3,604 monthly; household of five: \$4,219 monthly; household of six: \$4,835 monthly]

Applicants must apply online at <http://fma.alabama.gov>. **Elba Senior Citizens director Donna Falls can help local seniors fill out the application online. For her assistance, call (334) 897-3019.**

No applications can be accepted over the telephone or by mail.



Coffee County EMA Director James Brown spoke with Elba Rotary Club members at the Tuesday, Feb. 9, meeting. He shared an update on COVID-19 cases in the state, along with vaccination plans in our local area. Brown (at left) is pictured with Club President Ken Wilson.

Kayla Feliciano completes Peace Corps Prep

Kayla Feliciano, of New Brockton, Ala., recently completed the Peace Corps Prep program at Troy University.

Students in the program must complete 18 hours of academic credit, professional development, and 50 service hours through Troy's Civic Engagement program. Upon completion of the program, the students receive a certificate from the Peace Corps as well as a competitive edge when applying for Peace Corps service.

Spring enrollment strong at Enterprise State Community College

Enterprise State Community College saw another increase for the spring semester thanks to the College's adapted communication efforts with students and student support services.

Dean of Students Kassie Mathis attributed this success to the College "consistently making the necessary accommodations to retain our current students and to provide our new students with what they need to be successful."

These accommodations, according to Mathis, included the continuation of virtual advising, the growth of the College's laptop loaner program and the increase in virtual and over-the-phone communication to students. One example of this communication effort was the over 500 calls made by recruiters prior to the start of the spring semester.

"Our recruiters set a goal to contact 300 students in three days," Mathis said. "They more than exceeded that goal by making 572 texts, calls, and emails and actually speaking with 279 prospective students. This type of dedication to the success of students is what sets us apart and allows us to see continued success during such a difficult time."

Much like the Fall 2020 semester at ESCC, students had more virtual and hybrid class offerings during the spring semester; however, some additional on-campus class options were available. At the Alabama Aviation College, a unit of Enterprise State, students are continuing to follow staggered schedules and a modified block system.

Whether students are

taking classes online or on campus, they are still receiving the support they need to be successful, according to Vice President/Dean of Instruction Danny Long.

"The last few semesters have certainly proven challenging for our students, faculty and staff at Enterprise State Community College; however, our enrollment is strong and our students have demonstrated equitable success rates in comparison to non-COVID semesters," Long said. "None of this would be possible without the collective effort demonstrated by our faculty and staff from Student Services. Our faculty continue to demonstrate compassion and empathy for the unforeseen variables that the pandemic has created for students, and our student support services are there to keep them engaged in the learning process."

Echoing Mathis and Long, ESCC President Matt Rodgers said teamwork and dedication to the students were the College's keys to success.

"We recognized that many people are still going through difficult times, so we all stepped up to make sure we did everything we could to remove obstacles preventing anyone from continuing their education or training," Rodgers said. "We also adapted our methods of communication and took additional steps to meet our students' needs before the start of the semester, like having additional hours to assist students with registration prior to the start of classes."

"Our success depends on our students' success, and I am thankful for the great team we have here. Every

administration, faculty and staff member is determined to help our students succeed during this time, and everyone works together to make great things happen here at the College."

Planning is already underway for summer and fall. While schedules are being finalized, students who are planning to attend the College in the fall can take steps to prepare now.

Students can complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which connects students with federal dollars to help pay for college. When completing the FAFSA at studentaid.gov, use school code 001015 for ESCC/AAC. More information is available at escc.edu/financialaid.

Scholarships are also available. The College offers athletic, fine arts, leadership, academic, and career and technical scholarships. Scholarships are also available through the

ESCC Foundation. More information can be found at escc.edu/scholarships. The deadline to apply for scholarships is March 1.

For individuals who have not applied to ESCC, they can visit escc.edu/admissions to find the College's free application or call (334) 347-2623 with any questions they may have. They can also learn more about the College's programs and facilities by taking a virtual tour at tour.escc.edu. For more questions, college recruiters can be contacted at escc.edu/meet-our-recruiters.

"Thank you to our students for choosing us," Rodgers said. "We are happy that you decided to join us, and we are here to help you succeed. For those who are still thinking about your future, we would be happy to show you how you can take the first step toward your future with us. Don't hesitate to reach out."



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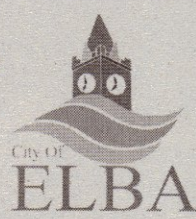
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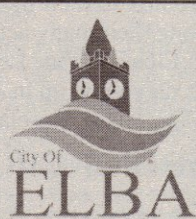
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Reports To: City Clerk

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CASE NO: PC-21-008

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The City of Enterprise, Alabama is accepting applications for the position of **Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer**. The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer assists the Mayor, who is the chief executive officer of the City, with financial and accounting issues as to the City and its various personnel and departments. The Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer coordinates the development of the city's annual operating and capital budgets; conducts budget hearings; monitors and analyzes cash balances, revenues, and expenditures to ensure compliance with budget and management objectives; prepares forecasts and revisions as required. Directs all aspects of the Finance & Accounting functions of the City. Provides leadership in the development for the continuous evaluation of short and long-term strategic financial objectives. Ensures credibility of City by providing timely and accurate analysis of budgets, financial trends and forecasts. Provides executive management with advice on the financial implications of City business activities. Manage processes for financial forecasting, budgets and consolidation and reporting of the City. Provides recommendations to strategically enhance financial performance and business opportunities of the City. Acts as Treasurer of the City and keeps accurate records of funds to reflect the City's accurate financial condition. **Position requires** a combination of training and experience equivalent to: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree in accounting, finance, economics or related field as well as a graduate level degree in accounting, finance, business Administration or related field. Possession of a valid driver's license. At least five years of municipal or business administrative experience preferred. Ability to work non-standard hours such as nights, holidays and weekends. Applicants must be bonded or have the ability to become bonded. For more information regarding the position and qualifications, interested candidates are encouraged to visit our website: www.enterprisear.gov. Position will remain open until filled. **The City of Enterprise is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson made the most of a trip to Enterprise one afternoon last week and declared McDonald's "has the best chicken nuggets in the world," but the highlight of the visit was the Pokémon cards in his kid's meal. He did eat the nuggets and fries, and even drank milk, but nothing even came close to the cards.

For what it is worth....

*** The Elba Tigers saw their season draw to a merciful conclusion last week with only two wins as they lost in the opening round of the area tournament. The Tigers won only three games last year and most Elba fans thought it couldn't get any worse, but it did, and over the last two seasons the only wins on their side of the ledger came over New Brockton (2), Kinston (2) and Zion Chapel (1). The Tigers three straight trips to the 'Final Four' now seem like just a distant memory, as Elba basketball has definitely hit hard times. Never fear, payback will be fun!

*** The Elba Lady Tigers lost in the area finals to G.W. Long after an opening round win over Arton, but still punched their tickets to the sub-region round to keep their region tourney hopes alive. The Elba girls have played without the services of at least two starters for over a month due to suspensions and Covid quarantines, but they have never made excuses and never backed down. The season may very well be one that will be remembered for what could have been. However, many teams across the state feel the same way, and my guess is the Lady Tigers will use the ups and downs as a lesson that will lead to future success.

*** The post-season wasn't kind to area teams as only the Kinston Bulldogs managed to punch a ticket to sub-region play. The Bulldogs claimed a narrow win over Red Level to advance to the area finals, and while they did fall in the finals, they had already clinched a sub-region berth. The biggest surprise in the post-season was the fact the Brantley Bulldogs and Brantley Lady Bulldogs were both eliminated in the opening round of the area tournament. The Bulldogs were rolling along undefeated at midseason, but got derailed by Covid quarantines and never recovered, while the Lady Bulldogs were also hit by the pandemic and barely even had enough players left to finish the season. All the area teams did make it to the finish line, but I'm sure everyone will admit it was a season like no other.

*** The Alabama High School Athletic Association published its monthly newsletter last week and an article that caught my eye was one that stated participation in fall and winter sports in the state had actually increased, despite the complications caused by Covid-19. While the numbers in football did go down by a slight two percent, they still showed that 31,113 student-athletes took to the football field, which is a lot of folks! The numbers in volleyball were up 5.9% to 11,433 and cheerleading also went up by 4.2% to 8,292. All the numbers in winter sports were up, with boys' basketball going up by 1.6% to 13,942, girls' basketball going up by 2.7% to 8,785, and wrestling reporting a 3.2% increase to 3,557. It was great to see the numbers go up as those in the state and across the nation try to get back to normal and live their lives.

*** I didn't watch one single play of the Super Bowl and obviously didn't hold or attend a Super Bowl party. However, I guess I was in the minority since I read that almost 1.5 million chicken wings were eaten the day of the game and the nation's grocery stores reported sales of over \$3 million of chicken wings in the days leading up to the game. Not to be outdone, those who like pizza also enjoyed the game and the food, as 12.5 million pizzas were either delivered or sold on the day of the game. I haven't looked at the sales of adult beverages, but it has to be pretty high just to wash down all the food!

*** In closing.... My wife and I both got our first vaccine shots last week and are looking forward to the second dose in our continuing attempt to avoid the dreaded virus that has played a part in the deaths of millions across the globe. I know many of our friends have chosen not to become vaccinated; however, I can remember how vaccines wiped out polio and smallpox, and have to believe this one will work, also.

Bob Bush, DVM

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50-49 over Arton

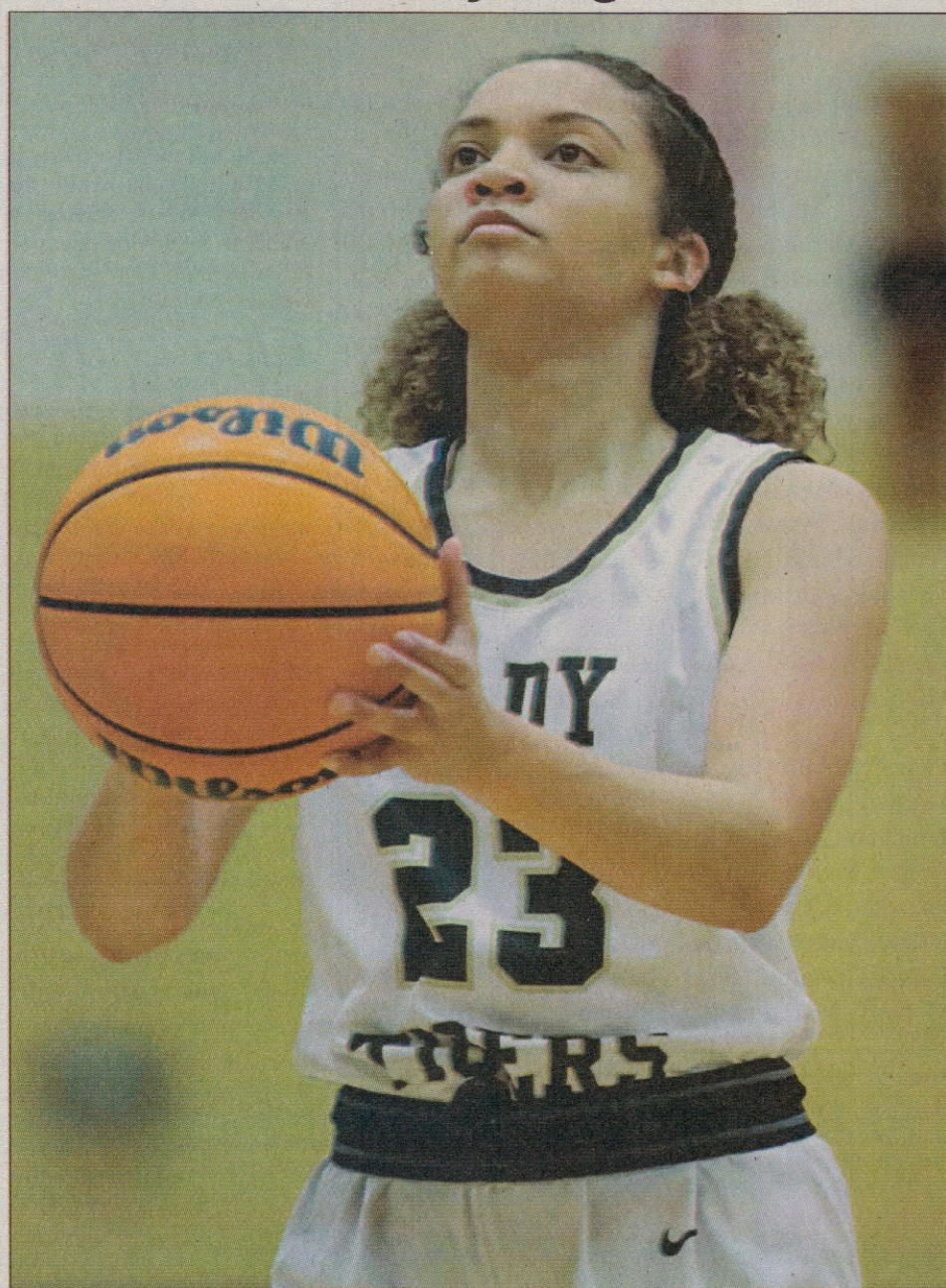
Late free throws lift Lady Tigers to win

Makinna Gray converted three free throws with less than one second left on the clock to lift the Elba Lady Tigers to a heart stopping 50-49 win over the Arton Lady Cats, last Monday night in the opening round of the Class 2A, Area 3 basketball tournament, at the Elba High gym.

Elba jumped out to an early 7-0 lead on a 3-pointer by Makinna Gray and two baskets by Jaylyn Baker and was still in command with a 13-6 lead 3:58 remaining in the quarter when Baker added a pair of free throws. Arton's Alexis Johnson sparked a 6-2 rally that pulled the Lady Cats within 13-11 with 2:31 left in the stanza, but Makinna Gray and Nina Williams scored the final four points of the stanza to give the Lady Tigers a 19-13 advantage.

Arton opened the second quarter with a 6-0 run to catch Elba at 19-19 with 4:12 remaining on the clock. However, Nina Williams sparked an 8-2 Lady Tiger run that put Elba back on top 27-21 with 1:22 remaining. The Lady Cats staged one more rally late in the half, and led by the play of Zhee Oliver cut the deficit to 29-27 at intermission.

Arton came out gunning in the third quarter from behind the arc and with Lexie Willoughby and Alexis Johnson both draining long 3-pointers the Lady Cats used a 7-0 run to pull ahead 34-29 with 6:35 left in the stanza. Elba made a parade to the free throw line for the game's next three minutes and led by Jaylyn Baker used a 6-0 run to move back on top 35-34, only to see Arton close the quarter with a 5-0 run as the Lady Cats carried a 41-38 lead into the final



Elba Lady Tiger Makinna Gray sank three free throws with less than a second left on the clock to lift the Lady Tigers to a thrilling 50-49 win over Arton in last week's area tournament opener.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

stanza.

Arton owned a 42-40 lead with 7:02 remaining in the fourth quarter, but this time it was Elba's turn to rally and led a pair of 3-pointers by Nina Williams the Lady Tigers went on a 7-0 run to open up a 47-42 lead with 2:21 still left on the clock. A 3-pointer by Arton's Anna Kilcrease and three

free throws put the Lady Cats back on top 49-47 with 16-seconds left, setting up a late 3-point attempt by Makinna Gray. Gray was fouled on the desperation last-second shot, and calmly hit all three free throws as the Lady Tigers escaped with the 50-49 win.

Jaylyn Baker and Nina Williams scored 12 points,

apiece, to lead Elba, while Makinna Gray added 10. Zhee Oliver scored 14 points and Anna Kilcrease added 11 to lead Arton.

Elba (50): Baker 12, Williams 12, Tinsley 2, Purvis 6, Gray 10, Caldwell 8.

Arton (49): Kilcrease 11, Kirk 2, Willoughby 9, Allen 2, Oliver 14, Johnson 9, Jones 2.

Lady Tigers fall in finals 42-38

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind early and never caught up last Thursday night in a hard fought 42-38 loss to the unbeaten and third-ranked G.W. Long Lady Rebels, in the finals of the Class 2A, Area 3 tourney, at Skipperville.

Jaylyn Baker and Makinna Gray combined for nine first quarter points to spark Elba, but the Lady Tigers hit only 7 of 12 free throw attempts, and watched as G.W. Long nailed three 3-pointers to open up an early 15-11 advantage. Baker added six points in the second quarter to keep the Lady Tigers within striking distance. However, the Lady Rebels never lost command and carried a 26-19 lead in at the half.

Tigers drop area tourney opener to G.W. Long Rebels 59-43

The Elba Tigers saw a 10-point halftime lead evaporate in a 59-43 loss to the G.W. Long Rebels, in the opening round of the Class 2A, Area 3, area tournament, last Tuesday night in Skipperville.

Elba came out ready to play in the tournament road game and led by a pair of 3-pointers by Alvin Henderson pulled out to a 19-11 first quarter lead. Chrystyle Caldwell and Kindarius Hill both scored five points in the second stanza as the Tigers went in at the half with a surprising 30-20 lead over the highly-favored Rebels.

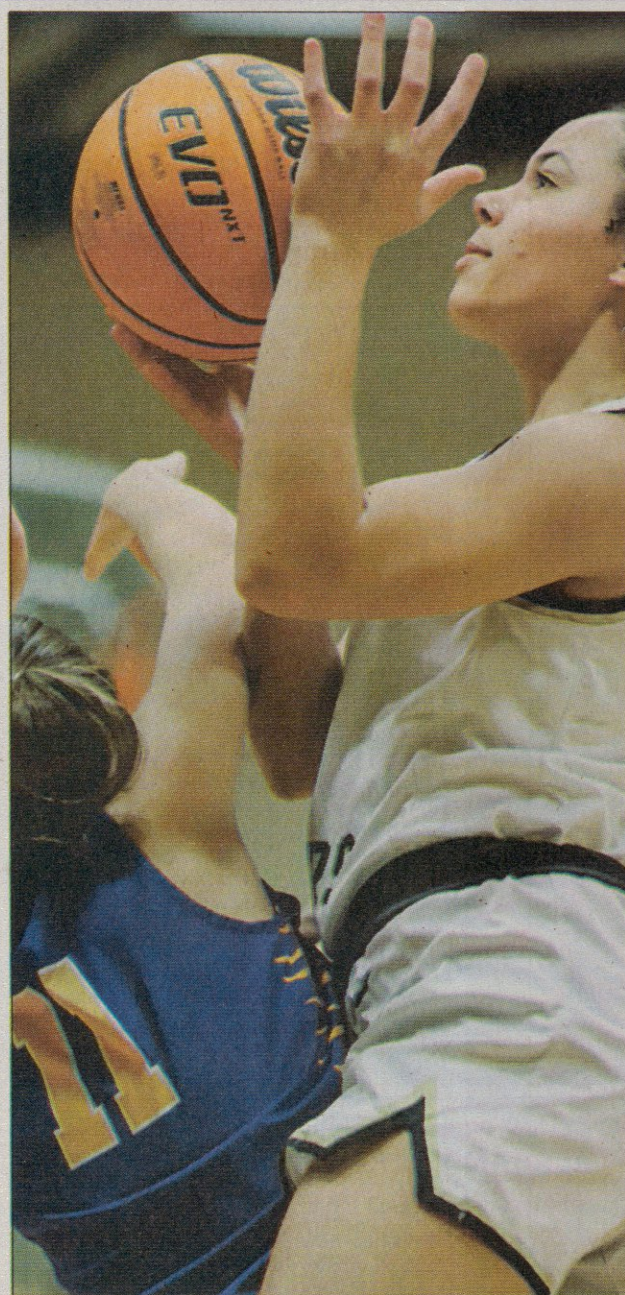
G.W. Long picked up its intensity in the third quarter and the Tigers went suddenly cold from the floor as the Rebels used a 22-5 run to grab a 42-35 advantage, and the Rebels connected on 10 of 13 free throws in the final stanza to pull away and hand Elba the 59-43 loss.

The Elba defense tightened up in the third quarter and Makinna Gray scored four points to keep Elba close, but the Lady Tigers missed all four free throw attempts in the stanza and trailed 34-25 heading into the final stanza. Nina Williams hit a 3-pointer and the Lady Tigers battled until the final horn, only to see the Lady Rebels hold on to claim the 42-38 win.

Jaylyn Baker scored 15 points and Makinna Gray added 14 to lead Elba, while Makenna Long led the Lady Rebels with 11 points.

G.W. Long (42): M. Long 2, Mk. Long 11, E. Long 2, Whitehead 10, Payne 9, Hughes 8.

Elba (38): Baker 15, Williams 5, Gray 14, Juarez 4.



Elba Lady Tiger Jaylyn Baker goes up for a basket in last week's win over Arton. Baker scored a total of 27 points in two games last week to help the Lady Tigers advance to sub-region play.

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Tigers expect big things in '21 baseball season

ELBA TIGERS
Baseball Schedule

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| Thursday, Feb. 18 | Kinston | Away 6:00 |
| Friday, Feb. 19 | Opp | Away 4:30 |
| Tuesday, March 2 | New Brockton | Away 4:30 |
| Thursday, March 4 | Samson | Away 6:00 |
| Friday, March 5 | Samson | Home 6:00 |
| Monday, March 8 | Geneva County | Home 4:30 |
| Thursday, March 11 | Zion Chapel | Home 5:00 |
| Friday, March 12 | Zion Chapel | Away 7:00 |
| Monday, March 15 | Geneva County | Away 4:30 |
| Thursday, March 18 | G.W. Long | Away 5:00 |
| Friday, March 19 | G.W. Long | Home 4:00 |
| Monday, March 22 | Goshen | Home 6:30 |
| Thursday, March 25 | Ariton | Away 4:30 |
| Friday, March 26 | Ariton (DH) | Home 4:00 |
| Tuesday, April 6 | Wicksburg | Home 4:30 |
| Tuesday, April 13 | Wicksburg | Away 5:00 |
| Thursday, April 15 | Goshen | Away 4:30 |
| Monday, April 19 | H. Home | Home 4:30 |

JV Schedule

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| Thursday, Feb. 18 | Kinston | Away 4:00 |
| Tuesday, March 2 | New Brockton | Away 7:00 |
| Thursday, March 4 | Samson | Away 4:00 |
| Friday, March 5 | Samson | Home 4:00 |
| Tuesday, March 9 | Zion Chapel | Away 4:30 |
| Friday, March 12 | Ariton (DH) | Home 4:30 |
| Tuesday, March 16 | Zion Chapel | Home 4:30 |
| Monday, March 22 | Goshen | Home 4:30 |

ELBA LADY TIGERS
2021 Softball Schedule

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| Tuesday, Feb. 23 | Luverne | Away 5:30 |
| Thursday, Feb. 25 | Zion Chapel | Away 6:00 |
| Tuesday, March 2 | Ariton | Away 6:00 |
| Tuesday, March 9 | G.W. Long | Away 5:30 |
| Thursday, March 11 | Daleville | Home 3:00 |
| Monday, March 15 | Geneva Co. | Away 6:00 |
| Tuesday, March 16 | Luverne | Home 6:00 |
| Thursday, March 18 | Goshen | Home 6:00 |
| Tuesday, March 23 | Daleville | Home 1:00 |
| Monday, April 5 | Red Level | Home 4:30 |
| Tuesday, April 6 | Zion Chapel | Home 4:30 |
| Tuesday, April 13 | G.W. Long | Home 4:30 |
| Tuesday, April 20 | Ariton | Home 4:30 |
| Saturday, April 24 | Opp | Home 12:00 |
| Tuesday, April 27 | Geneva Co. | Home 5:00 |

JV Schedule

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| Friday, Feb. 19 | Tournament | Dothan |
| Tuesday, Feb. 23 | Luverne | Away 4:30 |
| Thursday, Feb. 25 | Zion Chapel | Away 4:30 |
| Tuesday, March 2 | Ariton | Away 4:30 |
| Tuesday, March 9 | G.W. Long | Away 4:30 |
| Thursday, March 11 | Daleville | Home 1:00 |
| Monday, March 15 | Geneva County | Away 4:30 |
| Tuesday, March 16 | Luverne | Home 4:30 |
| Thursday, March 18 | Goshen | Home 4:30 |

The Elba Tigers lost one of their top hitters to graduation and their top pitcher to a transfer, but Coach Glen Johnson and his Tigers are confident a big season is ahead as eight veterans return to lead the team into the 2021 baseball season in perhaps the toughest 2A area in the state.

Elba will compete in an area with perennial state powers G.W. Long and Ariton, as well as cross-county rival Zion Chapel.

Elba returns two quality pitchers in John Martin Wilson and Collin Sauls, while the quartet of Conner Burrows, Peyton McCart, Paxton Wise and Carson Wise will combine to provide depth on the mound. Last season's top hitter Iverson Lane also returns to the line-up, along with catcher Whit Shehee.

Elba Lady Tigers return veteran squad in softball

The Elba Lady Tigers will field a team with seven returning starters this season in softball as they look to make a splash in their return to Class 2A.

Centerfielder Jaylyn Baker, a Gulf Coast Community College signee, will be the leader of the Lady Tigers when the season opens next week, while also manning positions in the lineup will be returnees Jayla Gray, Makinna Gray, Mikenzy Hooks, Breanna Sanders, Aimee Senn, and eighth grade pitching standout Ayrika Caldwell.

Advisory Board to meet March 6

The Alabama Conservation Advisory Board (CAB) will hold its first scheduled meeting of 2021 on Saturday, March 6. The meeting will take place at the RSA Activity Center, 201 Dexter Avenue, in Montgomery, Alabama.

In accordance with Governor Kay Ivey's public health order to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, attendees are asked to wear a mask that covers nose and mouth and to please maintain six feet of distance between themselves and others not of their household at all times. Additionally, anyone experiencing fever or other symptoms of illness is asked not to attend. Attendance at the meeting may be limited in accordance with venue capacity and social distancing guidelines.

Registration for those wishing to address the board will be from 8-8:30 a.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 9 a.m. Those planning to attend who have materials for Board members' review are asked to please send those electronically only, via scan or clear photo, to betsy.jones@dcnr.alabama.gov no later than noon March 2.

The CAB assists in formulating policies for the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), examines all rules and regulations, and makes recommendations for their change or amendment. This includes hunting seasons and bag limits.

The board is comprised of 10 members appointed by the Governor for alternating terms of six years. Joseph Dobbs, Jr., of Birmingham currently serves as chairman. Additional CAB members include Greg Barksdale of Hanceville; Patrick Cagle of Montgomery; Grady Hartzog of Eufaula; Brock Jones of Boligee; Raymond Jones, Jr., of Huntsville; Jeff Martin of Pell City; Ben C. Stimpson, Jr., of Mobile; Gary Wolfe of Fairhope; and Tim Wood of Selma.

The three ex-officio CAB members are Gov. Kay Ivey, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Pate, and Alabama Cooperative Extension System Director Dr. Gary Lemme. ADCNR Commissioner Chris Blankenship serves as ex-officio secretary.

If Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations are needed, please contact Betsy Jones at (334) 242-3486 or betsy.jones@dcnr.alabama.gov. Requests should be made as soon as possible, but at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. To learn more about ADCNR, visit www.outdooralabama.com.

High School

SCHEDULES

Thursday, Feb. 18

(Baseball)

Red Level at Zion Chapel (Softball)

Andalusia at Kinston (JV-V)

Friday, Feb. 19

(Baseball)

Elba at Opp

(Softball)

Elba JV, in Dothan Tourney

Saturday, Feb. 20

(Baseball)

New Brockton at Headland

New Brockton vs. Eufaula

Monday, Feb. 22

(Baseball)

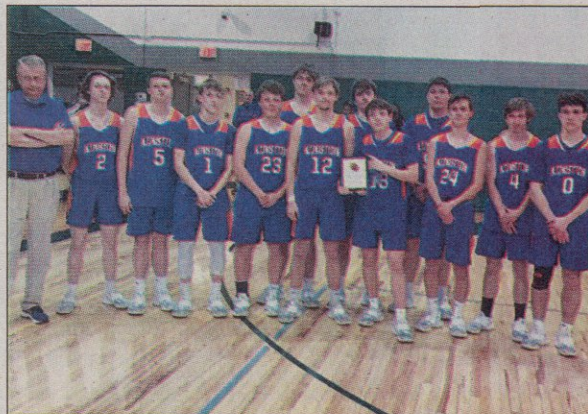
Ariton at Kinston (JV)

New Brockton at Daleville (JV)

Zion Chapel at Samson

High School

BASKETBALL BRIEFS



KINSTON BULLDOGS - AREA RUNNERS- UP

GIRLS:

Lady Rebels ousted by G.W. Long 71-9

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels saw their season come to a close last Monday night with a 71-9 loss to the G.W. Long Lady Rebels, in the Class 2A, Area 3 area tournament, at Skipperville. Ally Whitehead scored 20 points to lead the Lady Rebels.

Lady Gamecocks popped by Pike 79-15

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw their season end last Monday night with a 79-15 loss to the Pike County Lady Bulldogs, in the Class 3A, Area 4 area tournament, at Brundidge. Aaliyah Silar scored 8 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Taniyah Green and Aliah Broadnax both scored 16 points for the Lady Bulldogs.

Lady Bulldogs fall to Lady Tigers 56-27

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw their season draw to a close last Tuesday night with a 56-27 loss to the Samson Lady Tigers, in the opening round of the Class 1A, Area 2 area tournament, at Samson. Faith Peters scored 11 points and Kelsi Caldwell added 10 to lead Kinston, while Kinley Johnson scored 15 points and Trinity Jenkins added 14 for Samson.

Brantley ousted by Georgiana 73-45

The short-handed Brantley Lady Bulldogs saw their season end with a 73-45 loss to the Georgiana Lady Panthers, in the opening round of the Class 1A, Area 3 tournament, at Georgiana. Gabby Perkins and Kayden Dunn scored 15 points, apiece, to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Michaiiah Austin scored 14 points for the Lady Panthers.

BOYS:

Kinston Bulldogs cage Eagles 59-57

The Kinston Bulldogs clinched a sub-region berth Wednesday night with an exciting 59-57 win over the Pleasant Home Eagles, in the semifinals of the Class 1A, Area 2 area tournament, in Kinston. The area rivals were tied at 15-15 after one quarter, while the Bulldogs eased in front 25-23 at the half. Pleasant Home rallied in the third quarter and snuck ahead 43-42 heading into the final stanza, only to see Kinston's Cale Sumblin scored five straight points in a one-minute span to put the Bulldogs back on top 52-47 midway through the quarter. The Eagles pulled even at 54-54 with 2:17 left on the clock, but the Bulldogs Owen Patterson and Aden Wallace answered with two quick baskets to put Kinston in front 58-54, and the Bulldogs held on late to escape with the 59-57 win. Aden Wallace scored 12 points to lead Kinston, while Cale Sumblin added 9, and Owen Patterson and Reese Hall added 8 points, apiece. Curry led the Eagles with 19 points.

Bulldogs flattened by Florala 72-38

The Kinston Bulldogs had to settle for runner-up honors in the Class 1A, Area 3 area tournament after falling to the Florala Wildcats 72-38, Saturday afternoon, at Florala. Cale Sumblin scored 14 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Rashad Coleman scored 17 points, grabbed 9 rebounds, handed out 5 assists and made 5 steals to lead the Wildcats.

New Brockton ousted by Pike Co. 70-39

The New Brockton Gamecocks ended their season last Tuesday night with a 70-39 loss to the Pike County Bulldogs, at the Class 3A, Area 4 area tournament, at Brundidge. Damarion Holt scored 14 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Ian Foster led the Bulldogs with 14 points.

Zion Chapel ousted by Ariton 61-41

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their season come to an end last Tuesday night with a 61-41 loss to the Ariton Purple Cats, at the Class 2A, Area 3 area tournament, at Ariton. Connor Kelley scored 14 points to lead the Rebels, while Ian Senn scored 23 points and Isiah Johnson 11 points for the Purple Cats.

Brantley upset by Georgiana 70-60

The ninth-ranked Brantley Bulldogs made an early exit in the Class 1A, Area 3 tournament with a 70-60 loss to the Georgiana Panthers, at Georgiana. Taye Person scored 24 points and Tucker Kilcrease added 12 to lead the Bulldogs, while Amari Feagin scored 23 points and Azenda Pennington added 20 to lead the Panthers.

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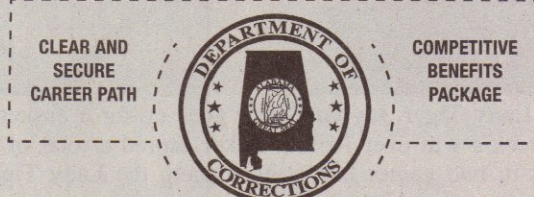
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